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To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding: Dockets 98N-1230,

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-**Putting** Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulating egg refrigeration temperatures is not enough. The FDA must do more.

-The practice of forced molting should be prohibited by the FDA. This practice has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hen's immune systems.

-The farm practice of forced molting injures human health. The FDA has the power to ban forced molting.

-The primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs is forced molting. The FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens.

-It is inexcusable that this practice **was ever allowed in the first place**. Deliberate endangerment of humans and cruelty to chickens are not in the best interest of our nation.

-The FDA should grant the petition to ban forced molting without further delay.

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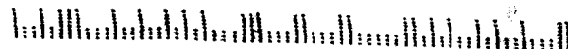
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